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REF MY 241200Z SEP 73.

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED CURRENCY EXCHANGE PROBLEM
ENCOUNTERED BY MCCANDLESS AND OTHER US NAVY SHIPS VISITING
MADAGASCAR WITH OFFICIALS OF MALAGASY OFFICE OF FOREIGN
EXCHANGE, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE. THIS OFFICE INFORMED
US THAT IT WOULD ASSIST EMBASSY IN HAVING MALAGASY FRANCS
REMAINING FROM MCCANDLESS VISIT CHANGED BACK INTO US DOLLARS
AT APPROXIMATELY SAME RATE AS PURCHASED. IT HAS REQUESTED,
HOWEVER, EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY MCCANDLESS FROM
MALAGASY TREASURY OFFICE IN TULEAR. (THESE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED
FROM MCCANDLESS IN REF).

2. FOREIGN EXCHANGE OFFICE OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT
WITH REGARD FUTURE US NAVY SHIP VISITS THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO
ASSIST EMBASSY IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MORE REASONABLE RATE OF
EXCHANGE AND RE-EXCHANGE FACILITIES IN COASTAL CITIES
INVOLVED. EMBASSY WILL BE CHECKING BACK WITH THESE
OFFICIALS PRIOR TO NEXT SHIP VISIT TO OBTAIN THEIR ASSISTANCE
ALONG THESE LINES.
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